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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: BOTT, Michael, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/672,265

Group No.: 1652

Filed: September 28, 2000

Examiner: Charles L. Patterson Jr.

For: PROCESS FOR THE RECOMBINANT PRODUCTION OF HOLO-CITRATE LYASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action issued May 10, 2002. Please enter the following Amendments and consider the following Remarks for examination of the above-referenced application.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 18, 21, 22 and 23. Please enter the amendments listed on the attached set of marked-up claims.

**REMARKS**

Enclosed are the required set of marked-up claims containing the requested amendments, as well as a clean copy of the claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments, and believe such amended claims are in order for allowance.

**Rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph**

The Examiner rejected claim 17 as indefinite because of the recitation of "and/or." Applicants have amended the claim to merely state "and."